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E.O. 12065: GDS 7-27-87 (TOMCHIK, STEPHEN) OR-P
TAGS: PINS, PINT, ES
SUBJECT: (C) PARA-MILITARY CRUSADES: A CURE WORSE THAN THE DISEASE?

1. (U) "EL DIARIO DE HOY" FOR JULY 24 REPORTS THAT THE "MAXIMILIANO HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ" BRIGADE OF THE PARA-MILITARY "ORGANIZACION PARA LA LIBERACION DEL COMUNISMO" (OLC) HAS ANNOUNCED A CAMPAIGN TO CLEANSE SAN SALVADOR OF THIEVES, MUGGERS, MISCREANTS, AND SWINDLERS. IN THE INTERVIEW, THE UNIDENTIFIED "THIRD COMMANDER" WAS REPORTED SAYING THAT THE BRIGADE WAS NOW OPERATING IN SAN SALVADOR AFTER HAVING PERFORMED SIMILAR SERVICE IN SANTA ANA. HE NOTED THAT THE GROUP HAD ALREADY ATTAINED THREE SETTLEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS ("AJUSTICIAMIENTOS") AND THAT THOSE WHO WERE DOUBTFUL OF THEIR (THE ORGANIZATION'S MEMBERS) ABILITY "WILL BE INSTRUCTED BY A MACABRE FINDING IN SAN ANTONIO ABAD (A SAN SALVADOR SUBURB)." PRIOR TO THEIR CURRENT TASK, "THIRD COMMANDER" REPORTED THAT ELEMENTS OF THE GROUP HAD BEEN IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY "WAITING FOR EDEN PASTORA TO FIGHT HIM AND KILL HIM AND HIS CRONIES."

2. (U) IN DISCUSSING POLITICAL ORIENTATION, THE "THIRD COMMANDER" EXPLAINED THAT HIS GROUP WAS NEUTRAL, BEING NEITHER ANTI-LEFTIST NOR ANTI-RIGHTIST. HE STRESSED THAT ITS FIGHT WAS AGAINST TERRORISTIC BANDITRY AND COMMUNISM AS "WE WANT DEMOCRACY TO PREVAIL IN OUR DEAR COUNTRY." HE ADDED THAT THE OLC HAD NO CONNECTION WITH THE RIGHT-WING ESCUADRON DE LA MUERTE, AS THEIR PHILOSOPHIES DIFFERED.

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